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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Austria

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REMARKS

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1. On 10 June, 12 AA guns with flash hiders, 11 AA guns with muzzle brakes and an unidentified number of AA machine guns, 2 searchlights and about 40 motor vehicles were seen in Camp Apetlon (P 43/X 74). On top of a motor vehicle, there was a quadrangle frame aerial with diagonal wires. Source heard AAA fire. Motor vehicles seen entering or leaving the camp included jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with red bordered black epaulets and carrying 1 lieutenant colonel and a captain with red bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and carrying 4 officers and 2 men with red-bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] carrying ration boxes; jeep [redacted] carrying a colonel and a captain with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and carrying 2 officers; trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and marked with a white quadrangle behind the number; truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and marked with a white circle of about 35 cm in diameter on the left side of the number on the rear wall. \*

2. On 4 June, 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles marched into the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. They were led by a senior lieutenant who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 40 soldiers practiced with four AA guns with flash hiders in the barracks yard where six trucks were parked. Four majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the barracks installation. Jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and truck [redacted] marked with a white quadrangle behind the number and carrying ration boxes, were seen at the installation. No military personnel was seen entering or leaving the Artillerie Kaserne. There was no vehicular traffic. Driving-school truck [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, drove out of the quarters on Schaumann Gasse. Source believed that part of the unit was absent for field exercises. \*\*

3. On 4 June, four majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen leaving the office at 7-9 Hovengasse in Kerneburg (O 49/3 30). Jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and occupied by a colonel and sedan [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and occupied by 2 majors and 1 senior lieutenant were seen at the office. No

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military personnel or motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving the Albrechts Kaserne. An AA gun having a flash hider stood in the yard. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only one truck was seen in the cantonment along the road to Bisamberg. No guns were noticed. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried binoculars. Source believed that, except for a rear detail, the troops were out for practice. \*\*

25X1 \* [ ] Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the 2d and 17th Cds Mecz Divs, to the Hq 95th Cds Mtz Rifle Div, to the 23d AAA Div and to GHQ units of the Central Group of Forces. The report indicates that, at the beginning of June 1952, the Apetlon AAA range was occupied by almost all AAA components of the combat units of the Central Group Forces.

25X1 \*\* [ ] Comment. The light occupation of the military installations in Korneuburg and Stockerau is explained by the fact that elements of the 23d AAA Div are at the Apetlon AAA range.

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